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The Office Action mailed June 5, 2003 established a three-month shortened statutory time period to respond. Approval of the enclosed Petition for a One-Month Extension of Time allows Applicants until Monday, October 6, 2003 to file a response. As such, Applicants are timely filing this Amendment and Response on October 6, 2003. Applicants submit that this Amendment and Response is timely filed, and respectfully request entry of all

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